

DANVILLE'S TRAGEDY

THE QUICK TRIAL AND CONVICTION
OF IDA SKEEN.The Woman Who Gave Deputy
Cook's Murderer the Pistol—Ver-
dict of Eighteen Years in the Peni-
tentiary—Other Danville News.

DANVILLE, VA., March 14.—(Special.) Chief of Police Green Williams returned from Halifax county bright and early yesterday morning with a venire of twenty-four men, whom he had secured through the proper officials of that county. The work of selecting a jury of twelve men to try Ida Skeen, the negroess indicted as an accessory to the killing of Deputy-Sheriff W. A. Cook, was begun, and soon the following were chosen: B. J. Smith, A. E. Watkins, J. H. Melrose, J. A. Moore, T. E. Chandler, W. A. Petty, J. R. Talley, J. W. Martin, A. A. Crawford, W. A. Gray, C. A. Nesbitt, and B. M. Myers.

A number of witnesses had been summoned on both sides, and the taking of evidence was at once commenced. The Commonwealth proved the purchasing of the pistol by the prisoner; that when it was passed to Evans, Cook's murderer, by tying it to a string made from the bed clothing in jail, and thrown from a rear window in that institution. Evidence was also very damaging to the accused was given by several of the prisoners confined in jail with her as to admissions made in their presence by the prisoner herself.

ADMITTED IT.
The prisoner, when put on the stand, admitted purchasing the pistol and getting it to Evans, but said it was given him for the purpose of protecting himself from a prisoner in the jail. She further said she tried to find Mr. Cook to give him the pistol to give to Evans, but being unable to do so, went around to the back of the prison and tied it to the chain.

The conclusion of the woman's evidence, about 4:30 P. M., one of the jurors stated she was unwell, and court adjourned to this morning at 9 o'clock.

FOUND GUILTY.

Immediately after the judge had ascended the bench, the jury had been called, and the argument of counsel was begun. The prisoner was defended by Colonel E. H. Withers and L. C. Berkeley, and prosecuted by Commonwealth's Attorney George W. Melrose. The case was given to the jury a little after 1 o'clock, and at 3 o'clock a verdict was rendered, fixing her punishment at eighteen years in the penitentiary. Court moved for a new trial, Ida Skeen, the convicted woman, does not realize the magnitude of her punishment. When taken to jail she told her sister to keep her clothes together for her until she came back home.

MEASLES.
An epidemic of measles seems to be prevailing in Newport. In some instances whole families of five to seven persons are down with the disease. It is also proving fatal, three deaths occurring yesterday. The authorities and physicians are doing all in their power to stamp it out, but their labors appear to be fruitless.

Rev. Dr. N. S. Sled, pastor of Main-Street Methodist Episcopal church, will hold prayer services next week preparatory to revival services the week after, says Mr. Maxcy, his nephew, and member of the Virginia Conference, will assist his uncle.

Danville Senate of the Ancient Order of Exalted Knights was organized here last night, with a membership of more than a hundred.

WOODSTOCK.

Personal Notes—Entitled to the Belt.

WOODSTOCK, VA., March 14.—(Special.)—Mr. J. H. Clower, a prominent citizen of this place, who has been indisposed for several weeks, is improving.

Colonel E. E. Stickle, who has been in Florida for two weeks in quest of health, returned recently much benefited by the trip.

Hon. S. S. Turner, of Front Royal, was in town on Monday (court-day), looking after re-nomination for re-election next fall. Mr. Turner has many friends in this section.

A. H. Snyder, of the Rockingham Register, Harrisonburg, and who were in town this week, called here by the death of Mrs. D. F. Burner, Mrs. Snyder's sister.

Mrs. T. B. Richey left on Wednesday this week for an extended visit in New York.

The condition of Circuit-Clerk George W. Wiley, who has been confined to his room for the six weeks past, continues to improve, and he will resume his duties in his office as soon as the weather will permit him to venture out.

John Reed, of Baltimore, Md., was in this place this week, called here by the death of his kinsman, Major Isaac Reed.

H. A. Clarke, of Mount Clinton, this county, has on his farm a small flock of sheep, consisting of eleven ewes that have twenty-three lambs. Mr. Clarke says he has the belt in the Valley.

It is said that an organized effort is being made to monopolize the road leading from the depot on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad to New Market, a distance of about two miles. This is a road move, and the county will be called upon to help the movement.

J. I. Triplett, of Mount Jackson, this county, who is one of the largest millers in the State, has purchased the telephone line running from New Market to this place, along the Valley turnpike, and will extend the same to Winchester, and put in an exchange at this place and at Winchester.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will hold an oyster festival in the court-house tonight and tomorrow night, for the benefit of the Confederate camp of this place.

Miss Little Meredith and William Shaver, both of Edinburg, were married in the Methodist church there on last Wednesday.

The Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of Mount Jackson, in connection with lodges from Woodstock, Toms Brook, Quickburg, Broadway, and New Market, will hold a reunion and flag-raising at Mount Jackson on Saturday, March 21st. Several bands of music and noted speakers will be in attendance.

HIGHLAND.

Sugar-Orchard People Pleased—A Marriage.

MONTEREY, VA., March 14.—(Special.)—The heaviest snowfall of the winter began on Wednesday morning, continuing until the depth of nearly six inches was reached. This was followed by the mercury running within a few degrees of zero. Owners of sugar orchards greeted the cold wave with delight, in that it guaranteed to them a more extensive season.

About noon on last Thursday a party of four—two in a buggy and two on horseback—moved slowly down Main street until opposite the Clerk's office, where an old man alighted from the buggy, entered the office, and procured a marriage license in the name of James W. Glass and Nellie Sparks. They then resumed their former pace, the next halt being made in front of the Methodist parsonage, on Water street, Rev. W. H. Woolf promptly tied the knot, and the couple returned to one of the village stores.

It was here that your correspondent, as well as many others, were interested, and by dint of much inquiry the following facts were brought to light:

The groom, as the license had already revealed, was James Glass, from near

Bleached Twilled Cotton Towels, Regular Price 5c. Each, As Long as They Last 1c. EACH.

Turkey Red Table Damask, Full Width, Only 9c. Yard.

Heavy Cotton Honey-Comb Towel, with Red borders, 29 inches long, 18 inches wide, 6c. each; 50c. per dozen.
Pure-Linen Satin Damask Knotted Fringe Towel, all colors, of border, 12 1/2c. each.
Bleached Cotton Towel, ready for use, extra-large size, 6c. each; \$1 per dozen.
Pure-Linen Colored-Border Napkins, 25 different borders, 4c. each.
Pure-Linen Extra-Heavy Double Satin Damask Doilies, colored borders, 6 1/2c. each.
Pure-Linen German Damask Table Linen, 60 inches wide, 50c. per yard; 5-8 Napkins to match, \$1.50 per dozen.

CROWN TWILL SUITINGS, LOOKS LIKE WORSTED, FOR 37-8c. PER YARD.

25 Dozen Pillow-Cases, Made of good round-thread cotton, 12 1/2c. value, for 7 1/2c. each.

All of our Sheets, Pillow-Cases are torn from the piece, which prevents puckering after washing.
Extra-Heavy Round-Thread Bleached Sheets, ready-hemmed, and laundered for use, 2 1/2x12 1/2 yards, 50c. each.
Ready-Hemmed Bleached Pillow-Cases, made of extra-heavy muslin, 40x36, 12 1/2c. each.
Bolster-Cases, made of fine round thread, bleached muslin, 30x36 inches, 17c. each.
White Flannels, in spring weights, half-wool, 24 inches wide, 12 1/2c. a yard.
All-Wool 22-inch-Wide 5c. yard Embroidered Flannel, made on Ballard-Valle, yard-wide all-wool flannels, from 8c. to 12 1/2c. a yard.
Best Quality American A. C. A. Red-Ticking, guaranteed feather-proof—now 12 1/2c. a yard; regular 16 1/2c. value.
Absorbent Stockinet Rubber Sheeting, yard-wide, 75c. yard (for infants).

Turkey-Red Oil Calico, with black figures, only 2 1/2c. yard.

12 1/2c. quality Dimity, all fresh, new patterns, full pieces, 7 1/4c. yard.

Spring styles and weights of Boys' Casimires.

All-Wool Fine Soft Casimires, 50c. yard, regular 75c. value.

Frederickburg-Style Casimires, regular 45c. value, for 30c. yard.

Heavy English Wale Corduroy, only 50c. yard.

Solid-Black Satens, that sell everywhere for 10c. yard, we will sell, as long as it lasts, for 6 1/4c. yard.

Chameleon Crepon, looks like mottre silk, the prettiest and cheapest fabric for spring waists, only 10c. yard.

Linen Duck for suits and skirts, the most stylish and serviceable fabric to be had, 17c. yard.

500 patterns of the Best Yard-Wide Percales, including all-linen effects, 12 1/2c. yard.

Golf Suiting, in Gray and Brown mixtures, 12 1/2c. yard.

Dotted Swiss Muslins, linen ground, Black ground, 12 1/2c. yard.

50 patterns of Rejane Dimity, Dresden patterns, stripes, and changeable effects, at 12 1/2c. a yard.

Fine Dresden Satens, in all the latest designs, to be found in the 12 1/2c. quality, for 5c. a yard.

The Best French Satens, Black-ground, colored figures, slightly imperfect, for 9 1/2c. yard.

Heavy Tulle Cheviots, imitation of the finest imported Dress-Goods, only 10c. yard.

Solid-Black Chameleon Crepon, sells for 12 1/2c.—here for 8c. yard.

The greatest bargain we ever offered. 50 different new patterns of the Finest Zephyr Gingham, never sold less than 12 1/2c., here for 6 7/8c., in bright Blues, Pinks, Yellows, Lilacs, Greens, in fact every shade and pattern.

LININGS.

Our unmatched Lining-Stock is replete with all the latest and best specialties for staying, finishing, and developing the dress.

Black and Colored Rustling Taffetas, 6 1/4c.

Black and Colored Rustling Taffeta, 5c. inch, 12 1/2c.

Extra-Superfine Rustling Taffeta, 26-inch, 5c.

Super-Elastic Wire Combination Lining and Stiffening, 40 inches wide, 15c.

Herring-Bone Hardsloth (American), 5c.

Extra-Tough Fibre Lining (2 inches wide), 15c.

Paper Fibre, 40 inches wide (Cream only), 15c.

Dainty Fancy Silestas, Black, and self-back, 12 1/2c.

Meyer's - 6th & Broad.

the head of the North Fork, in Pendleton county, W. Va., and might be aged anywhere from 75 to 80, and the bride, perhaps forty years his junior, was from the Allegheny mountains, near the line of the two Virginias. But the most remarkable feature connected with the case was that exactly three weeks before the wedding-day, Old Man Glass had buried his former wife, but didn't appear a "tired broken up" over it.

The Highland Cornet Band, recently organized at Monterey, have ordered from a New York dealer a full set of high-grade instruments, and our citizens may soon have to listen to various discordant sounds from the practice-room. This, however, can be patiently endured, as the organization possesses sufficient talent to guarantee good music later on.

Chairman B. E. Fleisher, of the Republican County Committee, has issued a call for a mass-meeting of the Highland Republicans on the 23rd instant to elect delegates to the district and State conventions, which assemble at Staunton on the 23rd and 24th of April, respectively.

FARMVILLE.

The Approaching Lunenburg Trials, Marable Indifferent.

FARMVILLE, VA., March 14.—(Special.)—The trials of the Lunenburg prisoners—Solomon Marable, Mary, Abner, and Peckey Barnes—will attract untold numbers of people to Farmville. A gentleman just from Lunenburg Court-house says hundreds will be here from

All-Cotton Bleached Table Damask, 19c. per yard; patterns like the best linen 20c. per yard.
The best 2-yard-wide Double Satin, Bleached Damask, regular \$1 value, 75c. per yard.
1 case 15-inch Bleached Cotton Crash, best grade, for 3 1/2c. per yard.
Pure-Linen Red-Stripe Crash, 20 inches wide, regular 16 1/2c. value, for 12 1/2c. per yard.
50 dozen Damask Napkins, with self-back on both sides, 18 inches square, for 50c. per dozen.
25 patterns of the best Imported Oil-Boiled Turkey-Red Table Damask, 45c. per yard.

WHITNEY BABY-CARRIAGES.
Known to the ladies of this city for the last twenty years, as the best make in the country. We are sole agents of this standard make. No other house can sell you them. They might try to sell their inferior make for the WHITNEY. Be careful; none genuine except bearing the WHITNEY trademark.

Full line on our second floor, sold at Carriage, with parasol and parasol-covers, 5c.

Better ones upwards to \$50.

Kid Gloves, in Black, Tans, and Browns, a good and perfect Kid, in buttons and Foster lacing, 85c. value, special price of 48c. a pair.

New Women's Kid is a heavy cape-akin P. K., sewed with wide silk embroidery, in Tans and Corals, at \$1 pair, with patent clasps.

White Goods—100 pieces real, genuine English Longcloth, worth 12c., for 7c.

Fine Shear Lawn Satin-Plaid White-Goods, small and large designs, worth 12 1/2c., for 8c.

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500 pieces of Imported India Linon to be sold in pieces of 24 yards only—at special prices:

\$1.49 a piece, \$2.25 a piece, \$1.96 a piece, \$2.96 a piece.

3 special grades of 2-Yards-Wide French White Organdie, at 25, 35, and 50c. yard.

40-inch Apron White Lawn, with large satin borders, at 10c. yard.

50 pieces Linen Machine Torchon Lace, from 1 to 1 1/2 inches wide, 12 yards in a piece, for 10c. a piece.

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150 dozen Extra-Quality Pure Silk Satin Plaid and Figured China Silk Windsor Ties for 10c.

\$1.50 and \$2 Fine Quality Men's Canes, silver trimmings, all styles of wood, for 50c. choice.

For youths from 15 to 19 years. Enough sizes and some large enough to fit a man who wears a 36-inch coat. \$3 saving for the large-size boy; \$2 saving for small ones.

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Spring Sale!

The store's full of advance Spring Styles. Each floor is stocked with Spring Goods. Too early? Not a bit. The daily crowd shows there's plenty of buying of Spring needs. Even if it's a week or so too early for you, it'll be to your advantage to come here to-morrow and get a "line" on styles and prices.

The two special sales of Men's Furnishings and Boys' and Children's needs are worth your attention. Special prices make them particularly attractive. Tell brother, husband, or any of your male relatives and acquaintances about it. 'Twill be a good deed. Mothers, fit your boys out for Spring NOW at a saving of a dollar or so.



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Cheaper than you buy at shoe-store. Doubters come here for conviction on that point.

We have about 50 pairs of \$1 Boys' Satin-Calf Lace Shoes, solid soles and counters, that will cost you to buy regularly \$1.50, that we will close out for \$1—sizes 2 1/2 to 3 1/2.

We have about 50 pairs of Small Boys' Shoes, made of Satin-Calf stock, solid leather soles and counters, that we are going to close out for 85c.—sizes 12 to 2.

Boys' Cal-Skin Lace Shoes, made in the latest styles, every pair warranted, for \$1.25—sizes 2 1/2 to 3 1/2.

Children's Dongola Kid Button Shoes, solid soles and counters—sizes 6 to 8—for 45c.

We have 500 pairs of Ladies' Genuine Dongola Kid Button Shoes, solid soles and counters, made up with good style flexible soles; Shoes that will cost you anywhere \$1.50-D and E widths—for \$1.25-D and E widths.

We have about 300 pairs of Ladies' French Kid, Hand-Welt Shoes, made in the latest styles—D and E widths; Shoes that will cost you to buy regularly \$2; but we are going to close these out for \$1.50.

We have about 250 pairs of Ladies' Twentieth-Century (or the New Women's) Shoes, made of the best dongola kid stock—solid leather shoes—regular \$2.50 value, for \$1.50.

THE 5-CENT TABLES.
Large-Size White Granite Dinner Plates.
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